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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-11, 14-20, 37-42, 52, and 53, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.